(c) and (d). The Schemes containing details of implementaiton are circulated to the States/UTs. The progress of implementation is periodically reviewed. About 28,000 disabled children are presently covered under the Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children. On an average, 50,000 disabled children are given scholarships annually.

Free and Compulsory Primary Education

2664. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make primary education free and compulsory; and

(b) what help is rendered to States like Kerala where primary education is already free?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) In pursuance of the Constitutional directive to provide free and compulsory education to all children upto the age of 14 years, all State Governments have made education free upto upper primary level in all schools run by them. 14 States and 4 Union Territories have also enacted legislation to make primary education compulsory.

(b) The release of grants to all States including Kerala depends upon the projects and proposals submitted by the State Goovernments.

Financial Help to Kerala for Literacy

2665. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial help the Union Government propose to give to Kerala, to have the follow up programme, after it has achieved 100 per cent literacy;

(b) the financial aid the Union Government propose to give to Kerala for mid day meals programme to students studing in the Primary and Upper Primary schools; and

(c) the financial aid the Union Gvoernment propose to give to Kerala to implement the scheme of free education upto 10+2 level?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Total Literacy Campaign in the State of Kerala was implemented by the Kerala Saksharatha Samithi, Thiruvanathapuram, a registered society set up under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Kerala. The campaign culminated in the function organised on April 18, 1991.

Prior to this, the KSS submitted a proposal for 'Post Literacy and Continuing Education' in Kerala.

Meanwghile, on an enquiry made by the Ministry, the Government of Kerala has informed that the State Government itself had received a proposal from the KSS to restructure the organisation at different levels. While considering the proposal in all its aspects, the State Government decided that since the State of Kerala had been declared fully literate on completion of the total Literacy Campaign, it was no longer necessary to continue the present programme implemented through the Kerala Saksharatha Samithi. However, the second phase of the literacy programme for continuing education for the neo-literates and for special programmes for the tribals, fishermen and the Tamil -speaking illiterates in the State will be implemented. The State Government has reported that the project proposal for these